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SUBJECT: ITALY ON EEC DISCUSSIONS OF DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE  
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1. IN DISCUSSING POLITICAL ASPECTS OF EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEET-  
ING OF APRIL 1-2, WELL-INFORMED ITALIAN MFA OFFICIAL TOLD EMB-  
OFF THAT IN GOI'S VIEW FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR COMPOSITION OF  
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT JUST WILL NOT FLOAT. AMONG PRIME REASONS  
ARE LACK OF WHOLE-HEARTED FRG APPROVAL, VERY REAL POLITICAL  
INABILITY OF HMG TO ACCEPT THAT FORMULA, DANISH AND ITALIAN  
OPPOSITION, AND FACT THAT "IT WOULD HARDLY BE WORTH WHILE FOR  
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ALL OF EUROPE TO GO TO THE POLLS TO ELECT SO FEW REPRES-

TATIVES."

2. CONSEQUENTLY, FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN BRUSSELS IN FIRST WEEK OF MAY WILL HAVE TOUGH GOING ON THIS ISSUE. WHILE SOME OF THE (UNNAMED) SMALL COUNTRIES MIGHT SUPPORT FRENCH PROPOSAL, WHICH WOULD GIVE THEM DISPROPORTIONATE STRENGTH IN THE PARLIAMENT, ANOTHER SOLUTION WILL HAVE TO BE FOUND. VOLPE

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